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SUBJECT: US-USSR SPACE COOPERATION: JASPIC (04.03)

REF: HANOW-GOSNELL TELCON OF APRIL 24

1. EMBASSY CONTACTED INTERKOSMOS ON APRIL 25 CONCERNING QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF TELCON. INTERKOSMOS REP STATED THAT SOVIET PROJECT LEADER ALEKSANDROV IS OUT OF TOWN AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL AFTER THE MAY DAY HOLIDAYS. SOVIETS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE DEFINITE REPLY TO NASA'S QUESTIONS UNTIL HIS RETURN. EMBOFF STRESSED THAT IT IS UP TO SOVIETS TO MAKE PORT CALL AND VISA APPLICATIONS.

2. ON APRIL 27 EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTERS FROM ALEKSANDROV TO SCHMERLING (DATED APRIL 14), WHICH ANSWERS SOME OF THE QUESTIONS POSED IN REF TELCON. ORIGINAL LETTER POUCHED TO NASA FOR TERRELL REGISTRY NO. 1911726. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF ALEKSANDROV LETTER FOLLOWS PARA 3 BELOW.

3. DEAR DR. SCHMERLING:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 16, 1978 CONCERNING UNCLASSIFIED

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JASPIC, AND FOR MY PART I SHOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE SOVIET RESEARCH SHIP "PROFESSOR VIZE"  
DEPARTED MARCH 24, 1978 FOR WORK IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN  
WITHIN THE PERIOD JUNE 1-25 AND WILL BE OFF WALLOPS IS. AT  
THE COORDINATES YOU PROPOSED, 37 DEGREES 45' N, 75 DEGREES,

27' W.

2. THE SCHEME OF ROCKET LAUNCHING DURING THE FIRST EVENING OF GEOMAGNETIC DISTURBANCE YOU PROPOSED (CLOSE TO THE SUNSET WITH SHADOW AT THE HEIGHT OF 200-230KILOMETRES, ONE SOVIET AND TWO AMERICAN ROCKETS; CLOSE TO MIDNIGHT ONE SOVIET AND TWO AMERICAN) IS ACCEPTABLE TO US.

3. FOR OUR PART, WE SUGGEST LAUNCHING TWO SOVIET ROCKETS CLOSE TO THE SUNSET AND CLOSE TO MIDNIGHT DURING THE NEXT DAY.

4. A "BACKGROUND" SOVIET ROCKET WILL BE LAUNCHED DEPENDING ON THE TIME OF GEOMAGNETIC DISTURBANCE WITHIN THE PERIOD JUNE 1-25.

5. THE LAUNCHING OF ROCKETS FROM "PROFESSOR VIZE" WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITH THE LAUNCH AZIMUTH 110 DEGREES - 120 DEGREES AND THE ZONE OF IMPACT WILL BE FROM 40 TO 80 MILES AWAY FROM THE LAUNCHING POINT ALONG LAUNCH AZIMUTH DIRECTION.

6. IN RESPONSE TO DR. HINNERS' PROPOSAL WE SENT OUR CONSENT TO EXCHANGE COMMUNICATION OFFICERS FOR COORDINATING ROCKET LAUNCHING WITH THE "PROFESSOR VIZE". THE PROCEDURE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF COMMUNICATION OFFICERS WILL BE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SAME AS IN AUGUST LAST YEAR.

7. ON COORDINATING THE OPERATION PLAN OF THE JOINT WORK PLEASE CONFIRM THE LOCATION AND THE TIME OF THE "PROFESSOR VIZE" STAY WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

SINCERELY, L. ALEKSANDROV. TOON

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